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AN ACT ESTABLISHING STUDENTS TO KNOW THE IDENTITIES & FUNCTIONS OF THEIR COUNCILORS

Be it enacted by the First Year Council of the Student Government Association assembled.

Section 1. Findings:

1. First Year Councilors are freshmen's "go-to representative for SGA in their pocket of campus" according to the SGA website. Additionally, it is stated that "You'll listen to the concerns of your peers and work with your fellow councilors and other members of SGA to understand and address common challenges through the creation of policy and programs."
2. Many first-year students do not know which students act as a First Year Councilor or who is a representative of their housing community. A study conducted by Rachel Narbo confirms this finding.
3. Additionally, most freshman on-campus students are not aware of what the First Year Council is meant to accomplish.
4. Students have concerns and ideas to improve the first-year experience at the University of Alabama but do not know where to voice their concerns.

Section 2. Legislation:

1. **THEREFORE, be it resolved**, the University of Alabama First Year Council will make available both the contacts and duties of first year councilors through a variety of channels such as informational posters within residential halls and social media posts as deemed appropriate and necessary.
2. **Be it further resolved**, this act will be enacted as soon as it is passed and with the possibility of continuing for later FYC groups.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Act be sent to Will Bradley, FYC Director; Angel Narvaez- Lugo, Interim Advisor Student Governance; Sam Rickert, Executive Vice President; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.